GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Quality of Sugarcane
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of sugarcane is not of good quality in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to improve the quality of sugarcane?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): No, Madam. A number of sugarcane varieties, higher in cane yield and sugar content have been developed and are being cultivated in the country which is evident by increase in sugar recovery from 10.01% in sugar season of 2012-13 to 10.62% in 2015-16.

(c): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through Sugarcane Breeding Institute (SBI), Coimbatore, Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow and All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Sugarcane are already conducting research to improve the quality of sugarcane by increasing cane yield and sucrose content.

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